

Congregational Eucharist Sundays of Easter



Truro
Cathedral
sacred space, common ground

Alleluia Christ is Risen
He is risen indeed Alleluia!

It is said that we are the Easter people and "Alleluia" is our song. Yet we still live in a world full of pain and violence, suffering and death.

Within all this pain the Easter message is even more important, because what it offers us is the Christian hope that death is now different: Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ we are promised that we too, one day, will rise from our graves and be reunited with those we have loved and lost. One day we will all be together, and there will be no more mourning or crying or pain. We will have to wait for the end of time for the full realisation of that hope, but for now, we rejoice in the promise and hold onto it ever more tightly as the years pass, whilst we pray that ancient prayer.

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Please note that communion will be administered both at the High Altar and at a Nave Station and that the wine contains alcohol. Gluten free hosts are available at the High Altar and at the Nave Station. Please indicate to the priest if you require a gluten free wafer as you come to receive communion.

All who usually receive Holy Communion in their own church are warmly invited to do so today. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please bow your head as a signal to the minister.

Please remain seated. An introit may be sung or played.

*Please stand to sing the **Opening Hymn**.*

The number of the hymn can be found on the board or in the weekly notice sheet.

The Greeting

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Prayers of Penitence

The deacon invites all to confess their sins with these or other words

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Silence is kept

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through
negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son
Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant
that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

The president says

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon *you*, pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins, confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness, and keep *you* in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Gloria

From the English Folk-Song Mass

**To God be the glory, all glory in the highest,
and peace to his people who dwell here below.
Our heav-en-ly Father, our Lord and our Sov'reign,
to you, the Al-mi-ghty, our praises bestow.
We worship and adore you, we bow here before you
with grateful thanksgiving, our song let us raise.
All glory and honour and glad adoration
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.**

**Lord Jesus, the only be-go-tten of the Father.
We praise and we bless you, the Son and the Lamb.
The sin of the world you have ta-ken up-on you,
Have mercy upon us, the great I AM.
For holy you meet us, yet lowly you greet us.
The Lord in the high-est, the Ho-ly One.
All glory to the Father, the Son and the Spirit,
from ages everlasting, the Three in One.**

Tune: The Ashgrove arranged by Malcolm Archer

Words: Mark Schweitzer (1956-2019)

The Collect

The president says the Collect, the special prayer for the day after which all say **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit

First Reading

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated

Psalm or Psalm-Based hymn

The words can be found on the weekly notice sheet.

Second Reading

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel

Gospel Reading

All turn to face the Book of the Gospels as it passes them in the procession.

The following acclamation heralds the Gospel reading.

Gospel Acclamation

This is said or sung

Alleluia, Alleluia

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;

I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

Alleluia

Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end the deacon says

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*All remain **standing** while the Gospel procession returns.*

Sermon

The preacher says an opening invocation or prayer, and then all sit

The Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the
Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our
salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy
Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the
Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel

The intercessor introduces the prayers with these or other suitable words

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ let us pray to the Father.

These responses may be used

Lord of compassion, *or* Lord, in your mercy
in your mercy hear us. **hear our prayer.**

The intercessions end with the following words

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace
Please stand

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

The deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

During the singing of the offertory hymn a collection for the ministry and mission of the cathedral is taken. Contactless donation points are available at various points in the cathedral. The hymn number is on the board or within the weekly notice sheet.

Preparation of the Table Taking of Bread and Wine

The president takes the bread and wine and uses one of these or other words

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

Eucharistic Prayer B

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

All sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

Please remain standing

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

The deacon says

Praise to you Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever,

through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The president introduces the Lord's Prayer

With faith and confidence, let us pray to the Father
in words that our Saviour taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion

The president says the following invitation to Communion.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

Please join in the words marked in bold

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis, miserere nobis. (rpt)

**Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem, Dona nobis pacem.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

Have mercy on us. Have mercy on us. (rpt)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

Grant us peace. Grant us peace

Music: Doug Gay/Late Late Service 1994

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Intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is not permitted.

After Communion

The president says the Post Communion prayer. Please stand

Let us pray

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Final Hymn

The number is on the hymn board or the notice sheet

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The deacon says or sings.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*Please remain **standing** as the clergy depart.*

Organ Voluntary

You are very welcome to join us for fellowship and refreshments in the Chapter House after the service.

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